

If you have been a caregiver for a loved one with Alzheimer's you already are aware of the need for legal and financial planning. The first challenge that you will face is finding Montana specific information. Thankfully MSU Extension has fact sheets on a financial power of attorney, wills, letter of last instruction, and dying without a will in Montana just to name a few. These materials are available on the web and in print form from County Extension Offices and the MSU Extension publication office.

Unfortunately, some state agencies only have information available on the web. If you are a caregiver with limited time, and if you don't have access to a computer or if you don't have a dependable internet system, how do you get copies of the materials to help you plan for the future? Also, how do you access a health care power of attorney that is beyond the 5 wishes and advanced directives. The committee is working to achieve state specific information about health care power of attorneys and to have materials available at the local libraries for those who do not have access to a computer or the internet. The committee is striving to meet the needs and address concerns that were mentioned at the Town Hall Meetings.

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